During 2007-08, the following project proposals, which were complete as per guidelines have been sanctioned for Central Financial Assistance to the Government of Kerala:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Development of Kodungalloor heritage Tourism circuit	361.75
2.	Development of Pathirmanal Bio-park	499.61
3.	Destination development of Wayanad	201.72
4.	Development of Mangalam Dam as a tourist destination	461.67
5.	Destination development of Kottakkunnu in Malappuram	440.25
6.	Development of Malampuzha in Palakkad as a tourist destination	482.04
7.	Setting up of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition at Kozhikode (Kerala)	1000.00
8.	Development of Nila Heritage Tourism Circuit (Bharathapuza River) in Malappuram and Thrissur District	606.40
9.	Development of Eco-Tourism programme in Gavi, Pathanamthitta District	20.05
10.	Documentation of Fifty Traditional Archetictural Structures of South India	25.00
11.	Creation of websites with virtual tour for 8 properties	25.82
	TOTAL:	4124.31

During the 10th Five Year Plan, Ministry of Tourism sanctioned projects worth Rs. 13,809.94 lakh for development of tourism in the State of Kerala.

Execution of projects is the responsibility of the State Government of Kerala. Ministry of Tourism monitors physical and financial progress of the sanctioned projects through site visits and review meetings from time to time.

Shortage of trained professionals in hospitability sector

3802. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the shortage of trained professionals in the hospitability sector and due to that it is adversely affecting our tourism industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government-run Institutes of Hotel Management and Institutes of Food Craft are currently faced with the problem of brain drain; and

(c) if so, what steps Government has taken/proposes to take to prevent this brain drain and to promote hospitability sector in India?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI ABMIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the findings of a study commissioned by the Ministry of Tourism in 2004, the gap between

the requirement and supply of trained manpower in the hospitality sector is being further aggravated by an estimated 35% of the graduates of Institutes of Hotel Management joining other emerging sectors offering better remuneration and career options. To redress this situation, the Ministry of Tourism is setting up more Institutes of Hotel Management and Food Craft Institutes to provide requisite trained manpower to the hospitality sector.

Development of tourist sites

3083. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make an action plan for infrastructure development at tourist sites of religious and mythological importance, which attract a large number of Indian and foreign tourists every year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the time-frame in which it will be implemented; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) Development of tourism infrastructure at tourist sites, including the infrastructure at the sites of religious and mythological importance, is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/ UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance to them for tourism infrastructure projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them. To facilitate development to tourism in a systematic and wholistic manner, the Ministry of Tourism had commissioned 20-Year Perspective Plans for States/Union Territories at the beginning of the 10th Five Year Plan. These perspective plans, which give action plans for tourism development in the short term and long term, were sent to the State/UT Governments to gudie them in initiating action for development and promotion of tourism.

New Hotel Policy

3084. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to frame out a New Hotel Policy with accent on creating more rooms in order to attract more and more tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide some kind of incentives to attract sector to give a boost to this project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Ministry of Tourism had announced a scheme to provide incentive to hotels of 1 to 3 star and Heritage Basic categories in all over the country where the hotels projects has been commissioned and classified *w.e.f.* 01.04.2007 to 31.03.2008. The incentive were in the form of capital subsidy of Rs. 2.00 lakh per room subject to a maximum of Rs. 30.00 lakh to one star hotel, Rs. 3.00 lakh per room subject to a maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakh to two star hotel, Rs. 3.00 lakh per room subject to a maximum of Rs. 100.00 lakh to there star and Heritage Basic category hotels.